

Give Faith a Voice
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Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
(Hebrews 11:1 NKJV)

The evidence of things not seen. The Word of God gives light.

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
(Psalms 119:130 NKJV)

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
(II Peter 1:3 NKJV)

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who
promised is faithful. **(Hebrews 10:23 NKJV)**

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so
that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
(Hebrews 11:3 NKJV)

(As it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence
of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those
things which do not exist as though they did; **(Romans 4:17 NKJV)**

As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was
appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life
to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and
promised] as if they [already] existed. **(Romans 4:17 AMPC)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was
without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the
Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let
there be light”; and there was light. **(Genesis 1:1-3 NKJV)**

Faith was transported by spoken words in the vast nothingness and called light into being.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **(Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV)**

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. **(Genesis 2:7 NKJV)**

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. **(Ephesians 5:1 NKJV)**

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, **(II Corinthians 4:13 NKJV)**

This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. **(2 Peter 1:1 NLT)**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **(Ephesians 4:4-6 NKJV)**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **(Romans 10:17 NKJV)**

You are full of faith and the more you hear the Word of Christ the faith is revealed or exposed.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think

soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
(Romans 12:3 KJV)

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **(Romans 10:8-10 NKJV)**

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, **(Hebrews 3:1 NKJV)**

SO THEN, brethren, consecrated and set apart for God, who share in the heavenly calling, [thoughtfully and attentively] consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed [as ours when we embraced the Christian faith]. **(Hebrews 3:1 AMPC)**

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. **(Mark 11:22-24 NKJV)**

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **(James 1:6-8 NKJV)**